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SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" The Hon. Minister stated in his reply that there was only one Woman Medical Officer for the whole Sanatorium. May I know whether the Government have considered the desirability of posting adequate number of Women officers? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A Senior Woman Assistant Surgeon was posted on the 25th July this year. There is a proposal to appoint another Woman Medical Officer."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" Is it a fact that the incidence of tuberculosis is more in the case of ladies than in the case of men? If so, will the Government kindly make it their policy to provide more wards for ladies? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Less number of women patients are seeking admission, Sir." (Laughter.)

Reservation of seats for students of Scheduled and Backward classes in the Arts and Professional Colleges.

* 26 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any rules for the reservation of seats for Scheduled classes and Backward communities in regard to admissions to all State-aided Arts and Professional Colleges; and

(*b*) if so, whether these rules are being strictly followed?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No specific percentage has been fixed for reservation of seats for the Scheduled castes, Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes in the private colleges and the Universities in receipt of aid from the Government but the managements of aided Colleges and the Universities have been requested to extend their fullest co-operation in the matter of encouraging the higher education of the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the other Backward Classes. Most of the managements are co-operating with the Government."

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR :—" Will the Hon. Minister furnish figures regarding the number of students of Backward Communities who have been admitted into these Professional Colleges? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have got the figures. If the hon. Member is interested, he may put a separate question or if he asks for information, I will supply him."

Child Beggars in the City.

* 27 *Q.*—DR. S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a large number of child beggars are found in thoroughfares and in places of heavy traffic in the City of Madras;